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Application Number	10 / 792,363
Filing Date	March 3, 2004
First Named Inventor	MORRIS, DAVID DREW
Art Unit	3723
Examiner Name	WATSON, ROBERT C.
Attorney Docket Number	5594

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (R.C.E.)UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Dear Sir :

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114, for the above-identified application.

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Name: Charlotte C. Wilson, Agent for Applicant

Date: February 8, 2007

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**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

This request is being submitted prior to abandonment of the application and after receipt of a final action by the Office, such Final Office Action being mailed September 12, 2006. This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time (two months), extending the period for reply to February 12, 2007.

**ENCLOSURES**

Enclosed herewith are an amendment to the claims with accompanying remarks and arguments in favor of patentability. Also enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

**FEE FOR REQUEST**

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**INVENTORSHIP**

This application, as amended, names as inventor the same inventor as previously designated for the claims.

**RESPONSE**

Please consider the following Remarks for entry of record. Favorable reconsideration of the pending Claims in light of such remarks is respectfully requested.